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1. I CALLED PRES LOPEZ THIS MORNING. I SAID THAT I WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT INTERNAL EVIDENCE INDICATED QUITE CLEARLY THAT THE SOURCE OF THE PRESS LEAKS WAS LA DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON. THE INTERPRETATION THE NEWSPAPERS GAVE TO THE INFO WAS UNFORTUNATE, WAS NOT THE USG INTERPRETATION NOR DID IT REFLECT OUR UNDERSTANDING.

2. I SAID THAT SECONDLY OUR POSITION REMAINED THE SAME. WE WOULD HAVE TO OPPOSE ANY OAS ACTION AT THIS TIME. I SAID I WAS AUTHORIZED TO ASK HIM VERY SINCERELY TO POSTPONE ANY INITIATIVE LEADING TO OAS ACTION AT THIS TIME. I SAID WE HOPED WE COULD RETURN TO THE POSITION WE THOUGHT WE WERE IN LAST WEEKEND, MOVING TOWARD ACTION AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

3. PRES LOPEZ SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT BUT THAT THINGS WERE SOMEWHAT OUT OF HIS HANDS. HE HAD PUBLICLY OFFERED TO CO-SPONSOR AN OAS ACTION AND IF HE WAS NOW ASKED PUBLICLY TO DO SO HE DID NOT SEE HOW HE COULD GO BACK ON HIS OWN WORD. AUSAID THAT WE WERE A LITTLE PUZZLED IN THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT WHILE PRES PEREZ HAD BEEN CONCERNED OVER THE WEEK END, THINGS HAD CALMED DOWN. I HOPED TO HAVE A BETTER ASSESSMENT LATER AS TO THE GOV'S
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PRESENT INTENTIONS.

4. I REPEATED THAT WE HOPED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD NOT SEEK TO BRING THE MATTER TO A HEAD NOW BUT THAT WE COULD ALL RETURN TO OUR PREVIOUS UNDERSTANDINGS. I ADDED MY OWN PERSONAL COMMENT THAT THESE WERE DIFFICULT TIMES AND THAT WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE UNDERSTANDING AND HELP OF OUR FRIENDS.

5. PRES LOPEZ SAID HE WOULD BIDE HIS TIME AND TRY TO HOLD THINGS OFF AS LONG AS HE COULD. I THANKED HIM AND SAID I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING ANYTHING FURTHER THAT HE MAY HAVE. VAKY

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